

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for powderizing a non-saccharide ingredient(s) comprising the steps of:

mixing said non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide-derivative(s) of α , α -trehalose, which derivative is a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or more; and

powderizing the resulting mixture.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~1, wherein said ~~hydrophobic substance~~ non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, ~~or~~ processed agricultural products, flavors, colorings lipids, emulsifiers, functional substances, organic solvents, and agrichemical emulsions.

Claims 4-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said saccharide-derivative(s) of α , α -trehalose mixed with said non-saccharide ingredient(s) in said step of mixing is in an amorphous form.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising a step of ~~allowing~~ incorporating a saccharide-derivative(s) of α , α -trehalose ~~to incorporate~~ into a powdery composition in an amount of 5% (w/w) or higher to the total weight of the powdery composition, on a dry solid basis.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising a step of powderizing an emulsion mixture containing emulsifier and water with a non-saccharide ingredient(s).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said powdery composition obtainable by the method is one selected from the group consisting of foods, beverages,

cosmetics, medicated cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and industrial chemicals, their materials and intermediates.

12. (Previously Presented) A powdery composition comprising a non-saccharide ingredient(s) produced by the method of claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A base for powderizing a non-saccharide ingredient(s), comprising a saccharide-derivative(s) of α , α -trehalose, which is a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or more, as an effective ingredient(s).

14. (Original) A method for powderizing a non-saccharide ingredient(s), comprising a step of powderizing a mixture comprising a non-saccharide ingredient(s) and the base for powderizing of claim 13.